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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/878,181

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For: COMPLEX OBJECTIVE LENS AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME AND OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE
AND OPTICAL RECORDING/
REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election/restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2003 (Paper No. 6), the period for response to which has been extended through March 18, 2004 by the concurrently-filed request for a two month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, Applicants hereby elect for examination Group I (claims 1-9), characterized by the Office Action as being "drawn to a complex objective lens, optical pickup device, and optical recording/reproducing apparatus." Further, Applicants hereby elect the species of Figure 2 for examination. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2 and 5-9 read


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on the elected species. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application

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Respectfully submitted,

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